(b) if so, the plan Government have formulated to give an appropriate size to all the departments under the control of the Ministry; and

(c) by when the Government have decided to implement the same?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) No such decision has been taken.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Telecast of Programmes on DD-I and DD Metro Channel

69. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN': SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Prasar Bharati has decided to entrust the job of the telecasting -of the programmes on DD-I and DD Metro Channels to other, institutions instead of producing and telecasting the programmes on" its own;

(b) if so, when this decision was taken; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Global operations by NFDC

*70. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Film Development Corporation Limited is planning to focus on global operations in a more concerted way;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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(c) whether NFDC is also planning for Indo-Overseas film co-productions in the near future;

(d) if so, whether any proposal has been received from foreign countries; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. Eforts are being made by NFDC to promote Indian films in foreign countries and also to encourage co-productions by Indian and Foreign Producers. NFDC has also received proposals for Co-productions with overseas producers. These proposals are at a preliminary stage of negotiations.

Bids invited for telecasting programmes on DD-I and Metro Channel

†71. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Prasar Bharati has invited bids for telecast of programmes at prime time on DD-I and Metro Channel;

(b) if so, what is the total number of institutions which have been selected for making bids; and

(c) the amount these institutions have offered for telecasting the programmes?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Prasar Bharati have informed that bids were invited by them for prime-time slots on Metro Channel but not for DD-I.

(b) It has been intimated by Prasar Bharati that it was an open bid and therefore, no institutions were selected for making bids.

(c) Prasar Bharati has informed that in the first bid held in the

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